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SUBJECT: IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN THE ROC

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1. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CHENG'S PROPOSAL FOR SCHEDULING TALKS DESCRIBED PARA 7 OF REFTEL B IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY (ANS) SAFEGUARDS CONFERENCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. WE WISH TO HOLD MEETINGS IN VIENNA WHERE THERE WOULD BE ACCESS TO PERTINENT IAEA STAFF. ALSO, WE HAVE SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (INFCE) MEETINGS FOLLOWING ANS SAFEGUARDS CONFERENCE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SECRET

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ALLOCATE ADEQUATE TIME FOR U.S.-ROC-IAEA DISCUSSIONS AT THAT TIME, PARTICULARLY AS IAEA DDG ROMETSCH HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED HIS RELUCTANCE TO ADD OTHER MEETINGS TO AN ALREADY SCHEDULED CONFERENCE. FOR THESE REASONS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE TO SCHEDULE TALKS DESCRIBED PARA 7 OF REFTEL B IN VIENNA AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED.

2. EMBASSY TAIPEI REQUESTED TO PROPOSE TO CEAC SECRETARY-GENERAL VICTOR CHENG TO HOLD US-ROC AND US-ROC-IAEA MEETINGS IN VIENNA DURING OCTOBER 3-14 TIME FRAME, PREFERABLY

ON OCTOBER 6-7. IF CHENG DESIRES, WE ARE AGREEABLE TO ROC INITIATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS DIRECTLY WITH IAEA. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE FOREGOING PROPOSAL MAY NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR CHENG, YOU SHOULD IMPRESS UPON HIM THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WE PLACE UPON SCHEDULING THESE MEETINGS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN THE END OF OCTOBER.

- 3. FYI WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT AT A MINIMUM THE US-ROC BILATERAL SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER, AND WE WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO COUNTENANCE A DELAY UNTIL THE SPRING OF 1978. WE ALSO ARE PURSUING ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING OTHER TERMS OF THE NOTES EXCHANGED IN APRIL AND APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS IN THIS REGARD AS SET FORTH IN TAIPEI 4798. END FYI.
- 4. MISSION TO IAEA VIENNA REQUESTED TO CONVEY TO DDG ROMETSCH SUBSTANCE OF PARA 2 ABOVE. VANCE

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